through cable, for violation of the prescribed codes or for going against the interests of sovereignty or security of the country etc.

Undue benefit to M/s Nalini Singh Associates

2298. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that M/s Nalini Singh Associates received undue benefit to the tune of Rs. 9.96 crore from Doordarshan between 1996 and May, 2000 according to CAG Report;

(b) if so, the details of the misuse and loss caused to the exchequer; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken against the persons who are involved in the scam?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The C&AG in its report for the year ended March, 2000 had observed that Doordarshan did not apply the commercial rates in accordance with the then prevalent Rate Card in respect of news based programmes 'Aankhon Dekhi' and 'Dopahar Aankhon Dekhi', thereby giving an undue benefit of Rs. 9.96 crores to the producer of these programmes.

(b) and (c) The observations of C&AG on the subject are under examination.

Effective and speedy justice

2299. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of law firms called the Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF) has recently submitted a five-point charter for faster and fairer justice for all highlighting the inadequacies of the present legal system and steps required for delivering effective and speedy justice; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Operation of multinational accounting firms in the country

2300. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the multinational accounting firms are working in the country and attending auditing work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make stringent rules for such companies to avoid cases like Enron and Arthur Anderson taken place in United States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) As per provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, no person shall be entitled to practice unless he is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and has obtained from the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India a certificate of practice. Violation of these provisions are punishable under the relevant provisions of the two Acts.

(c) to (e) Misconduct by Chartered Accountants/Chartered Accountant firms is punishable under section 21 of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949. Non compliance of the relevant provisions of Companies Act by them is punishable under section 233 of the Companies Act, 1956. These provisions are considered adequate for the present.